GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FLOOD CONTROL IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the magnitude of recent floods in Orissa;

(b) if so, the financial assistance provided to State Government for the rehabilitation of affected persons; and

(c) the preventive steps considered by the Government to avoid occurrence of floods in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hon'ble Prime Minister of India announced on 18th July, 2001,an initial amount of Rs. 100.00 crore for relief/rescue operation for the flood affected people of Orissa. During his visit on 29.7.2001, an additionalrelief of Rs. 435.00 crore by way of additional 3 lakh tonnes of rice (estimated cost Rs.210 crore) under Food for Work Programme and one lakh additional Indira Awas Yojana Units

(estimated cost Rs.225 crore) for rebuilding houses for people below poverty line, has been provided to the State Government. The Central Government has also released the entire Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2001- 2001amounting to Rs.86.21 crore to the State Govt. of Orissa.

(c) Flood Management being a State subject, flood control projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. As per the information received from the State Govt. of Orissa, flood problem could be mitigated in Orissa by construction of another dam at Mahanadi, desilting of Subarnarekha mouth with excavation of drainage channels on upstream of Rajghat for flood control of river Subarnarekha and construction of Kanpur Dam and Bhimkund Dam across river Baitarani to control floods in Baitarani. The process of strengthening and modernization of existing flood forecasting network maintained by Central Water Commission under this Ministry has also been initiated.